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SUBJ: US/SOVIET BILATERAL CONTACTS ON AFRICA.

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1. IN ABSENCE MFA RESPONSE, EMBOFF FOLLOWED UP JULY 19 SESSION WITH AFRICAN DIVISION OF MFA REGARDING INFORMAL BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON AFRICA. AT MEETING SEPTEMBER 12 WITH YURI ASTAFYEV, COUNSELOR IN THIRD AFRICAN DIVISION (EAST AFRICA), ASTAFYEV EXPRESSED STRONG CONTINUING INTEREST IN A MEETING BETWEEN APPROPRIATE MFA OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENT AFRICAN EXPERTS.

2. ASTAFYEV AGREED THAT MEETING SHOULD BE INFORMAL AND UNPUBLICIZED. HE ALSO EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN WIDE-RANGING TALKS WITHOUT FORMALITY OF AN AGENDA. HE ACKNOWLEDGED OUR INTEREST IN HAVING DEPARTMENT OFFICERS ALSO MEET SEPARATELY WITH THE AFRICAN INSTITUTE. ASTAFYEV PROMISED TO SUGGEST TO EMBASSY IN NEAR FUTURE A DATE FOR PERHAPS A WEEK'S VISIT BY DEPARTMENT AFRICAN SPECIALISTS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: SOME INDICATION FROM DEPARTMENT REGARDING PREFERRED TIMING, AND IF POSSIBLE NAMES OF OFFICERS WHO WILL COME.

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